



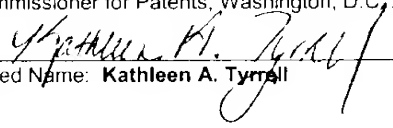
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 2,  
2001, setting a three (3) month statutory period for reply. A  
Petition for a one (1) month extension of time and the requisite  
fee are provided herewith. Please enter the following amendments  
and remarks into the record.